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WASHINGTON, February 2, 1982 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars in 1981 totaled 19,916, compared with 45,018 the year before, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Of the total orders placed last year, 17,288 cars were to be built new by carbuilders and 628 in railroad shops, while 2,000 were to be rebuilt.

Cars placed in service in 1981 totaled 46,001, compared with 87,083 in 1980.

In December, 2,711 orders were placed, compared with 860 in November and 4,722 in December 1980.

As of January 1, 1982, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 17,385, compared with 17,771 on December 1 and 52,370 on January 1 of last year. The average monthly backlog during 1981 was 30,889, compared with 79,632 in 1980.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 756 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in 1981, compared with 1,724 the previous year. A total of 101 locomotives were put in service in December, compared with 45 in November and 149 in December 1980.

As of January 1 of this year, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,672, compared with 27,606 last December 1 and 28,222 on January 1, 1981.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of January 1, 1982, was 214, compared with 166 on December 1 and 665 on January 1, 1981.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

Months	December		November	Twelve Months	
	1981	1980	1981	1981	1980
Built New by Car Builders	2,455	5,151	1,839	41,435	80,357
Built New in R.R. Shops	256	379	224	3,466	5,563
Built New - Total	2,711	5,530	2,063	44,901	85,920
Rebuilt	47	13	91	1,100	1,163
TOTAL DELIVERED	2,758	5,543	2,154	46,001	87,083
Locomotives	101	149	45	756	1,724

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	1,811	4,722	860	17,288	40,140
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	628	3,815
To be built New - Total	1,811	4,722	860	17,916	43,955
To be rebuilt	900	0	0	2,000	1,063
TOTAL ORDERED	2,711	4,722	860	19,916	45,018

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	January 1		December 1	Average	
	1982	1981	1981	1981	1980
To be built New by Car Builders	14,819	47,866	15,802	27,866	74,036
To be built New in R.R. Shops	1,666	4,504	1,922	2,701	5,354
To be built New - Total	16,485	52,370	17,724	30,567	79,390
To be rebuilt	900	0	47	322	242
TOTAL ON ORDER	17,385*	52,370	17,771	30,889	79,632
Locomotives	214	665	166	300	820

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the January 1, 1982, backlog has been reduced by 433 cars.

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WASHINGTON, February 26, 1982 -- Orders for new and rebuilt freight cars totaled 835 in January, compared with 2,711 in December and 2,447 in January 1981, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cars placed in service in January totaled 2,105, compared with 2,758 in December and 5,371 in January a year ago.

As of February 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered was 15,525, compared with 17,385 on January 1 and 48,716 on February 1, 1981.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 14 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service in January, compared with 101 in December and 29 in January of last year.

As of February 1 of this year, taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel locomotives totaled 27,651, compared with 28,222 on January 1 and 28,167 on February 1, 1981.

The backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered as of February 1 was 234, compared with 214 on January 1 and 524 on February 1 a year ago.

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DELIVERED

	January		December
	1982	1981	1981
Built New by Car Builders	1,833	5,064	2,455
Built New in R.R. Shops	162	272	256
Built New - Total	1,995	5,336	2,711
Rebuilt	110	35	47
TOTAL DELIVERED	2,105	5,371	2,758
Locomotives	14	29	101

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	835	2,147	1,811
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	835	2,147	1,811
To be rebuilt	0	300	900
TOTAL ORDERED	835	2,447	2,711

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	February 1		January 1
	1982	1981	1982
To be built New by Car Builders	13,231	44,219	14,819
To be built New in R.R. Shops	1,504	4,232	1,666
To be built New - Total	14,735	48,451	16,485
To be rebuilt	790	265	900
TOTAL ON ORDER	15,525*	48,716	17,385
Locomotives	234	524	214

* Due to revisions and cancellations of some orders, the February 1, 1982, backlog has been reduced by 590 cars.

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